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GENEVA FOR USDEL TO HRC

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SUBJECT:UGANDAN INVITATION TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

REF: STATE 31605; B) STATE 31606; C) STATE 37552

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FRG FONMIN FOR THEIR
INFORMATION AND FOR PASSING TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA:

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO UGANDAN CHARGE, FROM
HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND
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CHAIRMEN OF SUBCOMMITTEES NOW HOLDING HEARINGS ON UGANDA,
WHICH WAS PASSED TO UGANDAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON FEB. 22.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

WE ARE WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE FROM YOUR GOVERN-
MENT INVITING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO VISIT UGANDA WHICH

WAS TRANSMITTED TO US BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERATION IN OFFERING THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR A FIRST-HAND INVESTIGATION BY OUR MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS IN UGANDA. HOWEVER, AS THIS QUESTION IS ESSENTIALLY ONE OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN, NOT LIMITED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ITS CONGRESS, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH INVESTIGATION SHOULD IN THE FIRST INSTANCE BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. AS THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, PRESENTLY IN SESSION IN GENEVA, IS NOT ONLY THE AUTHORITATIVE INTERNATIONAL BODY IN THIS FIELD BUT IS ALSO ALREADY OFFICIALLY SEIZED OF THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA, IT WOULD APPEAR TO US THAT THIS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT A FULL AND OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION OF THE SITUATION. WE WOULD THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDER EXTENDING ITS INVITATION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

-- IN THIS CONTEXT, I WOULD NOTE THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS IS REPRESENTED ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF A NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS ON THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE COMMISSION. OF COURSE, SHOULD THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SUGGEST ANY AREAS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE CONGRESS WHERE FURTHER EXPLORATION APPEARED NECESSARY, THERE WOULD ALSO BE THE POSSIBILITY OF A FOLLOW-UP VISIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AT SOME LATER DATE.

-- I HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO THESE THOUGHTS, AND THAT AN INVITATION TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WILL BE FORTHCOMING. THE RESULTS OF AN EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION COULD BE OF SUBSTANTIAL VALUE TO THE CONGRESS IN WEIGHING THE IMPORTANT PROPOSALS ON U.S.-UGANDA RELATIONS, NOW PENDING BEFORE US. WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH AN EXAMINATION COULD BE CONDUCTED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, SO AS TO BE OF MAXIMUM BENEFIT IN THIS PROCESS. SINCERELY, CLEMENT J. ZABLOCKI, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR., CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA; DONALD M. FRASER, CHAIRMAN SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS; JONATHAN B. BINGHAM, CHAIRMAN, SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC POLICY AND TRADE.

4. FOR GENEVA: USDEL IS AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE CONGRESSIONAL LETTER AS APPROPRIATE IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS ON PROPOSALS TO SEND HRC EMISSARY TO UGANDA FOR INVESTIGATION UNDER 1503 PROCEDURES. VANCE

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